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GUJARAT URBAN REFORM PROJECT
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government had received a proposal from World Bank Mission to develop a Gujarat through Urban Reform Project (URP) during the year 2001;

(b) If so, the details thereof, project-wise;

(c) the progress made in each of the above projects so far; and

(d) the reasons for delaying the implementation of the above projects?

Answer

Minister of State in the Ministry of Finance (Shri S.S. Palanimanickam)

(a) : Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) : The draft Urban Reform Project submitted to the Bank by Govt. of Gujarat during September, 2004 highlighted three components
(i) urban policy reform;

(ii) capacity building at both the State and Urban Local Bodies (ULB) levels; and
(iii) supporting investments in infrastructure. Department of Economic Affairs has recommended to the Bank to consider funding the project and provide assistance from the Project Preparation Facility amounting to US$ One Million. The Government of Gujarat is required to submit a Project Concept Note (PCN) in order to enable further discussions.

(d) : The project got delayed in the past, due to the Gujarat earthquake and consequences thereof.